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Docket No. 12969

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bitler

Group Art Unit: 1714

Serial No.: 09/398,377

Examiner: Szekely, P.

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Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-Containing Compositions

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

REPLY

Sir,

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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2000. Applicants request an extension of one month for filing this Reply. To pay for this extension, attached is a check for \$ 55.00 (Applicant is a small entity). Reconsideration, reexamination and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

The Office Action mailed April 20, 2000, was received by Applicants on April 25, 2000. In ignorance of the earlier receipt of the Office Action, the undersigned mailed a Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement to the Office on April 28, 2000. The Amendment section of this Reply contains a request to cancel the amendments set out in the Preliminary Amendment. Consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement is requested.

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